REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Office Action dated June 4, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 1, 3-6 were rejected under 35 USC 102.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC 103.

Claims 7-34 were allowed.

Summary of Response

Claim 1 was amended.

Claims 2-34 remain as originally filed.

Summary of Claims Pending

Claims 1-34 are currently pending following this response.

Applicant Initiated Interview

Applicants thank Primary Examiner Song for his time and consideration of the arguments presented in the telephone interview on August 21, 2007. In the interview, Applicants offered a proposed amendment to Claim 1. In the interest of advancing prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended herein as discussed with Primary Examiner Song.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of Claims 7-34. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable Claim 15. The Office Action states that Claim 15 is allowable because the prior art of record does not teach "the core security framework" as disclosed in Claim 15. Thus, Applicants have amended Claims 1 to further clarify "the core security framework" of Claim 1. Should there be any remaining issues with the pending disclosure the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Response to Rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Knouse et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,185,364) (hereinafter "Knouse")

Claim 1:

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable Claim 15.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable Claim 15. The Office Action states that Claim 15 is allowable because the prior art of record does not teach "the core security framework returning the data request to the security gatekeeper and informing the security gatekeeper that the user has been authenticated and authorized, the security gatekeeper sending the data request to a SOAP server and informing the SOAP server that the user has been authenticated and authorized, and the SOAP server providing the user with access to the requested data wherein the core security framework is also used to control access to URLs within the second domain." Thus, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to further clarify the core security framework as "used by both the web server and web security agent

and by both the security gatekeeper and the access server to store security data and policies and approve or deny requests for access to URLs and APIs, wherein the security gatekeeper sends a data request made by a user with security related information to the core security framework to authenticate the user and to authorize the user, wherein the core security framework informs the security gatekeeper whether the user has been authenticated and authorized, wherein the security gate keeper forwards the data request to the access server when the security gate keeper is informed that the user has been authenticated and authorized, the access server provides the user with the requested data." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Knouse. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of this claim.

Dependent Claims 3-6, depend directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1 and incorporate all of the limitations thereof. Accordingly, for at least the reasons above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3-6 are not anticipated by Knouse and respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Response to Rejections under 35 USC 103

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knouse et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,185,364) (hereinafter "Knouse") in view of Enokida (U.S. Patent No. 6,981,139) (hereinafter "Enokida").

Claim 2:

Claim 2 depends from independent Claim 1. Since Claim 1 has not been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is patentable over Knouse in view of Enokida. Applicants further respectfully submit that since Claim 2 incorporates all of the limitations of Claim 1, Claim 2 is similarly patentable over Knouse in view of Enokida.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

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